GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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EXCISE DUTY COLLECTED FROM CIGARETTE INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of excise duty collected from the cigarette companies and distilleries during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether any company has been apprehended for evading excise duty or giving inaccurate accounts of actual production during the above period;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government against such units?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

Parts (a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in the answer to the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 286 for 16th march, 2001 regarding Excise Duty Collected From Cigarette Industry

Part (a): The amount of excise duty collected from cigarette companies and distilleries during the last three years ad the current year are as under: -

(Rs. Crore)

Description	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01 (Upto Nov-00)
Cigarettes and cigarillos of tobacco or tobacco substitutes	4492	4592	4863	3393

+ Of the products manufactured in distilleries only denatured ethyl alcohol is subject to Central Excise Duty. Revenue figures are not available separately for denatured ethyl alcohol.

(b) & (c). Yes, Sir. The details are as under: -

Year	No. of cases of evasion by cigarette companies	Amount of duty evaded (Rs. in lakhs)	No. of cases of evasion by distilleries	Amount of duty evaded (Rs. in lakhs)
1997-98	4	4108.14	9	64.75
1998-99	4	801.26	1	.50

1999-2000 2000-2001	3	211	1	20.82
(Upto Dec.)	7	596.38	1	28.00

(d): Show cause notices have already been issued to these units for initiating the adjudication and recovery proceedings as per law.